

The Top Six Animals Positive for Rabies in Massachusetts Since 1992

For
Parents
And
Teachers

1



Over 2700 raccoons.

Stay away from wild animals!
Wild animals with rabies can appear tame or act aggressive.

2



Over 1475 skunks.

Rabies can affect all ages, even baby animals.
It is against the law to adopt wild animals.

3



Over 375 bats.

Bats may have rabies. Do not release bats found in homes until potential exposures are carefully evaluated. Call the MDPH Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at 617/983-6800.

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Over 135 cats.

Stay away from stray cats and dogs!
Vaccinate your pets to protect them.

5



Over 130 foxes.

Call your local animal control officer if you see a wild animal acting strangely.

6



Over 80 woodchucks.

Seek medical attention if you or a family member are bitten or scratched by an animal.